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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH DEMIREL

1. I MET WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND CURRENT OPPOSITION LEADER SULEYMAN DEMIREL EVENING OF AUG 21. MOST OF HOUR LONG CONVERSATION CONSISTED OF MY EXPLANATION OF THE AMENDED LANGUAGE CONCERNING THE TURKISH EMBARGO IN THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL AS AGREED TO IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. IN THE END DEMIREL, WHO HAS EXPRESSED PUBLIC DOUBTS, ACCEPTED THAT A DE FACTO LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WOULD OCCUR WHEN THE BILL WAS SIGNED INTO LAW AND THE PRESIDENT MADE HIS REQUIRED CERTIFICATION. "WHAT HAPPENS," HE THEN DEMANDED, "IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS ON CYPRUS?" I EXPLAINED THAT THE EMBARGO COULD BE REIMPOSED ONLY BY AN ACT (HIGHLY UNLIKELY) OF CONGRESS. FURTHER CERTIFICATIONS WERE REQUIRED OF THE PRESIDENT IN CONNECTION WITH FURNISHING SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY. THERE WAS NOTHING, HOWEVER, THAT MADE LIFTING THE EMBARGO "CONDITIONAL." ONCE IT WAS OFF, IF WAS OFF. OBVIOUSLY THE STATE OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS, EVENTS IN THE REGION, AND ELSEWHERE FOR THAT MATTER, WOULD INFLUENCE THE CONGRESS, AND THE ADMINISTRATION, IN DETERMINING FUTURE LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE. THAT, I ARGUED, COULD HARDLY BE CALLED AND EMBARGO.

2. DEMIREL ACCEPTED ALL OF THIS, AND A GOOD DEAL MORE, SOBERLY,
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TAKING FREQUENT NOTES. IN THE END WHEN I REMARKED THAT I THOUGHT HIS OWN PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT QUESTIONED WHETHER THE EMBARGO WAS REALLY BEING LIFTED, HAD NOT BEEN HELPFUL, HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN A FRIEND TO THE UNITED STATES, EVEN WHEN IT HAD BEEN VERY UNPOPULAR. HE BELIEVED THAT IF I STUDIED HIS STATEMENTS, I WOULD SEE CRITICISM OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS THAT HAD BEEN DAMAGING TO THE

TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP, BUT NO CRITICISM OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. WARMING TO THIS THEME, HE SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED THE EFFORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OVER THE PAST YEAR TO HAVE THE EMBARGO LIFTED AND IN PARTICULAR HE APPRECIATED THE STRONG, PERSONAL EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER. HE ASKED THAT I RELAY TO THE PRESIDENT HIS THANKS AND APPRECIATION, THAT I ASSURE THE PRESIDENT THAT ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED STRAIGHT-FORWARD REPEAL, HE UNDERSTOOD THE KIND OF "PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVERING" THAT HAD BEEN NECESSARY. HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE EMBARGO WAS FINALLY OFFICIALLY RAISED, HE WOULD MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT PRAISING THE EFFORTS OF THE USG.

3. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THE ABOVE TO THE WHITE HOUSE. DEMIREL WOULD NOT EXPECT A REPLY, BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I COULD TELL HIM THAT HIS MESSAGE HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT. DILLON

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